

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources:**  
***Abandoned Water Well Plugging Record***

**Complete one form for each well plugged and submit within 30 days to:**

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Energy and Waste Management Bureau  
502 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

**Owner/Agent/Lessee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide legal description of property where well is located:**

\_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ Section No. \_\_\_\_\_ Township No. \_\_\_\_\_

Range No. \_\_\_\_\_ E / W County \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the abandoned well site:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Well owner name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date plugged:** \_\_\_\_\_

Is this well within 200 feet of an active well or 660 feet of a point source of pollution as listed on the reverse of this form? ☐ YES ☐ NO

**Well Type: (check one)** ☐ CLASS I WELL – greater than 18" diameter AND less than 100' deep  
☐ CLASS II WELL – less than 18" diameter OR greater than 100' deep  
☐ CLASS III WELL – sandpoint well

**I confirm this well has been plugged as required by rule 567-39.8 of the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC)**

**Well Contractor / Designated County Agent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the above abandoned**  
(NAME OF OWNER/AGENT/LESSEE)

**well was plugged as required by chapter 567-113, IAC, the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and agree to provide any additional information the county or department may need concerning this well.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions? Call or Email:** Nina Koger Environmental Engineer Sr., 515-281-8986, [nina.koger@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:nina.koger@dnr.state.ia.us)

## REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETING DNR FORM 542-1226

- 1) Contact the designated county agent prior to plugging the abandoned well.
- 2) Obtain certification from the designated county agent or a registered water well contractor once the abandoned well has been properly plugged.
- 3) Submit DNR form 542-1226 to the Department of Natural Resources within 30 days after the abandoned well has been properly plugged.

## GUIDELINES FOR PROPERLY PLUGGING AN ABANDONED WELL

- 1) Remove all obstructions when practical.
- 2) Properly use filling materials and sealing materials.
- 3) Direct surface drainage away from the site of the plugged well.
- 4) Submit DNR form 542-1226 to the department within 30 days after the well plugging.

## EXAMPLES FOR PROPERLY PLUGGING AN ABANDONED WELL

Industrial waste sites; uncontrolled hazardous waste sites; petroleum storage areas; hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal areas; agricultural chemical storage areas; animal feedlots; and wastewater treatment facilities.

## DEADLINES FOR PLUGGING ABANDONED WELLS

All wells located within 200 feet of an active well or 660 feet of a point source of pollution: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

CLASS I WELLS: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

CLASS II WELLS: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

CLASS III WELLS: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

Wells abandoned after *March 1, 1990* – 90 days after abandonment

## Technical information and guidelines can be obtained by writing to:

Iowa Geological Survey Bureau  
123 North Capitol Street  
Iowa City, IA 52242  
(319) 335-1575

Request "Guidelines for plugging abandoned water wells"

\* A fee may be charged

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